



20th Anniversary Essay Contest

"Tell your Story ... Share your Vision"

Entry Deadline: March 12, 2012

In honor of its 20th anniversary, the City of Lake Forest invites graduating seniors to *"Tell Your Story..Share Your Vision"*! The essay contest is a great scholarship opportunity for students to think about the role that local government plays in shaping their community and how it impacts their lives.

Theme: Using the City Motto "Remember the Past, Challenge the Future," write an original essay about your favorite Lake Forest memory and how you think Lake Forest will change 20 years from now in the year 2032. You are encouraged to portray your memory vividly (you may add pictures if you like), and to communicate a clear vision of what Lake Forest will be like in the future.

Eligibility: Open to all graduating seniors, who live in Lake Forest and plan to attend a post secondary educational institute in Fall 2012.

Format:

- 750 words or less, single spaced, using Times New Roman 14 point font.
- Include your name in the header of each page and staple all pages together

To Enter:

- Attach a completed and signed entry form (see below)
- Submit by mail (postmarked by deadline) or deliver to:

The City of Lake Forest
Attn: Community Services, Essay Contest
25550 Commercentre Dr, Suite 100
Lake Forest, CA 92630

**First Place Award:
\$1000 Scholarship**

**Second Place Award:
\$750 Scholarship**

**Third Place Award:
\$500 Scholarship**

Contact: 461-3453 or email vblethen@lakeforestca.gov

----- CUT AND SEND IN ENTRY FORM WITH YOUR ESSAY -----

ENTRANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE LEVEL/AGE _____

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____

STATEMENT OF AUTHENTICITY

I am submitting an original essay to the City of Lake Forest (City). I certify that this essay is my own work, and that I am planning on attending a postsecondary educational institution in Fall 2012. I understand that my essay will not be returned to me and will become the property of the City and could be reproduced in whole or in part. I further understand that the judges' decision is final.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

I permit the use of activity/event photography and/or video of my child or myself for media promotion. I agree to waive and release the City of Lake Forest (City), its officers, officials, agents, employees and authorized volunteers, from and against any claims, costs, liabilities, expenses or judgments, including attorney's fees and court costs arising out of my participating in the city's program.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE FROM LIABILITY.

(Signature) Parent or Guardian must sign for those under 18 years of age